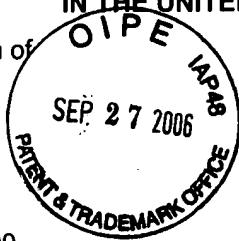


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Title: MANUFACTURING SYSTEM AND METHOD

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Total effective claims after amendment	40	minus highest number	
previously paid for	55	(at least 20) =	0 x \$50.00
			\$0.00 (1202)/\$0.00 (2202) \$

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Applicant claims "small entity" status. Statement filed herewith

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**SUBMISSION ACCOMPANYING REQUEST FOR CONTINUED
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This submission accompanies a Request for Continued Examination.

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